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Representative Thorpe's Call for Democrat Support of Nuclear Energy Bill Goes Unanswered

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Earlier this month, Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6) encouraged his Democrat colleagues to work toward a bipartisan solution for urging the EPA and Congress to take responsibility for mining waste left on Navajo land. This came as the House of Representatives passed [HCM 2003](#), a resolution sponsored by Representative Mosley which would shed light on these concerns.

“Now, over one week has passed since my discussion with my colleagues across the aisle to look for solutions to stand up to the Federal government regarding their actions on Arizona Navajo land,” said Representative Thorpe. **“To my great disappointment, one week of my attempts to come to the table with Democrat members to tackle this serious environmental issue has gone by, yet these attempts have gone unanswered.”**

Discussion from floor session:

Rep. Descheenie (D-7): “We had a lot of discussion on this already. It is important to acknowledge that the Navajo nation since 2005 has had a moratorium on uranium mining.”

Rep. Benally (D-7): “I invite my colleague here to come to the Navajo nation to visit with our families, please, they would love to have a conversation with you about that.”

Rep. Thorpe (R-6): “I throw that out as a challenge to everyone and both caucuses. This is something that I think we all can get behind, and we need to hold the federal government's feet to the fire and the EPA's feet to the fire to do what's right for our citizens here in Arizona that live out on the Navajo nation. With that, I vote aye.”

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